IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

FRANK LUIS DE DIOS MARTINEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

No. 14-cv-0169 MCA/SMV

CIBOLA COUNTY, CITY OF GRANTS, KATHY GALLEGOS, PENITENTIARY OF NEW MEXICO, and FNU LNU,

Defendants.¹

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Defendant's Motion to Seal Exhibit and Portions of *Martinez* Report [Doc. 43], filed on December 10, 2015. On September 22, 2015, the Court ordered Defendant to submit a *Martinez* Report. [Doc. 39]. Defendant moves for permission to file under seal one exhibit and the portions of the Report that refer to the exhibit. [Doc. 43]. Defendant describes the exhibit as a "confidential gang-related investigation report conducted by [New Mexico Corrections Department ("NMCD")] concerning Plaintiff's status in segregation and his classification placement during the relevant time period in 2011." *Id.* at 1. Defendant argues that disclosing the report to the public or to Plaintiff "will compromise the safety and security of Plaintiff, other inmates, and employees of NMCD." *Id.* at 2. The Court finds that the Motion is well-taken and should be GRANTED.

¹ On June 24, 2015, the Honorable M. Christina Armijo, Chief United States District Judge, issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order dismissing the Plaintiff's claims against all Defendants except for the Warden of the Penitentiary of New Mexico, German Franco, in his individual capacity. [Doc. 28] at 7.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Seal Exhibit and Portions

of Martinez Report [Doc. 43] is **GRANTED**. Defendant may file two versions of the Martinez

Report, an un-redacted version and a redacted version. The un-redacted version may be filed

under seal ex parte. As to the second version, Defendant may redact the gang-related

investigation report and any reference to its contents before serving it on Plaintiff and filing it on

the record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

STEPHAN M. VIDMAR

United States Magistrate Judge